

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Doug Elzey by Dick & Judi Matz
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Ginny & Jim Billiter by the Ralph Billiter Family
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Novena & Rosary
Tuesday	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass with Communal Anointing</b> Marian Schrader by Bob Schrader
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Betty Verbance by David Verbance
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Mike & Lee Nowak by Linda & Gerald Casey
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Kelli Walsh by the Burkey Family
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Penance Service</b>
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Larry Hartman by Evelyn Schick
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Lewis Slone by Pam & Jerry Scott
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parish Family

**THIS WEEKEND**

**SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer, Blair Williams
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Branson Cline, Colleene Weiser, Sharon Merritt
	11:00 a.m.	Patricia Raynak, Sandro Nuakey, Eli Nuakey

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Brian Ropchock, Frank Trammer Blair Williams  
Marita Surry, Jonathan Maier, Branson Cline  
Todd Lutz, Sandro Nuakey

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Regina Courey, Sydney Blain
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Mark Dorion, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Joanne Myers, Mayellen Fowler

Laura Slaby, David Wilson  
Ken Koebel, Rosemarie Watters  
Beth Lutz, Sharon Kay

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Blair Williams, Sandy Trammer, Pam Gerardi, Marilyn O'Linn, Judi Matz
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Pat Jenkins, Irene Fagan, Carolyn Veit, Mark Dorion, Rosemarie Watters
	11:00 a.m.	Jean Bobst, John Kinch, Bill Reeves, Carl Scholl, Mayellen Fowler

Mark Widman, Regina Courey, Sandy Williams,  
Phil Feldmeier, Shawna Gentile  
JoEllen Stebelton, Ken Koebel, Mary Slone,  
Christine Boucher, Pat Jenkins  
Jan Gale, Noreen Reeves, Nancy Scholl,  
Marie Kujawski, Mayellen Fowler

**CANTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Susan Howell
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Bob Fagan
	11:00 a.m.	Kathy Frank

Jeff & Lisa Buffer  
Susan Howell  
Mary Mashburn

### **From The Pastor's Desk**

**Readings:** In the reading from Joshua, we should remember that entrance into the Promised Land was delayed because of sin. Now they have arrived and the Passover celebrates the event. The Response carries the theme, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." The Lord does care for His people. Paul teaches us that Christ has reconciled us to the Father and we are the ministers of reconciliation. **The Gospel** is the very familiar story of the two sons and the loving Father. God calls us to be reconciled and welcomes us with open arms. Again, Lent is the season for penance and reconciliation.

**11:00 a.m. Mass – We will have our second Scrutiny this weekend. We will use the Readings from Cycle A:** The story of the blind man and his cure and conversion, even in the face of great opposition, is a great lesson for all and a model for the Elect. The man even became a teacher to the teachers (Pharisees and Jews).

**All are reminded** to pray for the Elect as they head toward the completion of their Lenten journey and the reception of the Easter Sacraments.

### **Anointing of the Sick, from Pastoral Care of the Sick:**

"The sacrament of the anointing of the sick should be celebrated only when a Christian's health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. **The sacrament of anointing may be repeated:** When the sick person recovers after being anointed and, at a later time, becomes sick again, when during the same illness the condition of the sick person becomes more serious."

**As Church law** we are supposed to give the greatest latitude in its interpretation. So if someone feels that they are seriously sick or impaired by old age they qualify for the sacrament. In my judgment, most people over 70 qualify, especially when I hear their difficulties. **We will have the Anointing of the Sick during Mass on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

### **You are encouraged to attend the following Lenten Services:**

**Tuesday, March 8** - 7:00 p.m. Mass with Communal Anointing

**Friday, March 11** - 7:00 p.m. Penance Service

**Tuesday, March 15** - 6:30 p.m. Mass & Lenten Program with Father Metzger

**Wednesday, March 16** - 7:00 p.m. Talk on Apologetics with Deacon Dan Schwartz

**Friday, March 18** - 7:00 p.m. Penance Service

**Saturday, March 19** - Solemnity of St. Joseph – 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, March 23** – 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 6** – Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

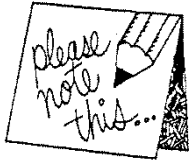
**11:00 a.m. Mass (RCIA)** - 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

**Monday, March 7** – Is 65: 17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 8** – Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 9** – Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 10** – Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47



**Friday, March 11** – Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, March 12** – Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, March 13** – Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

**11:00 a.m. Mass (RCIA)** - Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

### **OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND CHURCH**

**February 28** – Sunday Offering - \$4,457.07

Easter Flowers - \$45.00 *Catholic Times* - \$47.00

**God bless you for your continued support of St. Mary Church!**

**This weekend is the collection for the Catholic Relief Services (CRS).** CRS serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Please give generously by using the envelope provided in your packet or mark your check or envelope CRS. Please make checks payable to St. Mary.

**St. Mary Church has a new website:** [www.groveportstmary.org](http://www.groveportstmary.org). Please take a few minutes to browse through it, or if you wish, visit it daily for the day's Mass readings, Catholic News Service, and a daily meditation. It's a great way to keep up with parish activities/events should you fail to read the bulletin!

**Easter Flower Intentions** – If you would like to help decorate the presbyterium for Easter in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your packet or one of the envelopes provided in the vestibule to offset the cost of the Easter Lilies. Be sure to include your name and the name of the intention and drop it off in the collection basket no later than Sunday, March 20.

**Adoration to Christ in the Eucharist** should be the center of our devotion. You may wish to keep watch with Christ after Holy Thursday Mass until 12:00 a.m. Please see sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**All Servers** interested in serving for the Easter Triduum Liturgy, please see sign-up in the Sacristy.

**Help is needed to decorate the Church for Easter!** If you are interested in helping, please join us on Saturday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 614-497-1324.

### **EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE**

*Holy Thursday, March 24 – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.*

*Good Friday, March 25 – The Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.*

*Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), March 26 – 9:00 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday, March 27 – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

**The St. Vincent de Paul** has a food basket in the vestibule for the Groveport Food Pantry. For the month of March, they are requesting **cereal**.

**The next SVDP meeting** will be Sunday, March 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**SVDP will be preparing and serving** a Meal for the Homeless on Thursday, March 31. Watch the bulletin for more details!

**Looking ahead:** the SVDP clothing/household furniture truck will be here the weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. The truck holds a lot; let's fill her up!

**Your support is appreciated! Donations help those less fortunate in our area!**

**The PSR 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes** will be making 500 sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven to feed the hungry of Columbus this Sunday, March 6.

**P.S.R. students in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades** will participate in the Holy Thursday Mass on March 24, at 7:30 p.m. They will process in with Father Metzger and ring bells during the *Gloria*. Please call Alice Doran with any questions at 614-497-1437.

**The Craft Club** is having a “Bag of Supplies” sale this weekend before & after each Mass. And while you are shopping, take advantage of the freshly baked goods at the **March Madness Bake Sale**, which will be happening at the same time—all in the Parish Hall!

**The Men's Group** meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. for a business meeting. All men of the parish are welcome!

**Lenten Program sponsored by Altar Rosary Society** will be held on Tuesday, March 15, beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten presentation by Fr. Metzger. All are welcome to attend!

**Have you ever heard the term *Apologetics*** and wondered what it means? Then please join Deacon Dan Schwartz and the St Mary Men's Group on March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to learn more about the meaning of Apologetics.

**Hugs and Prayers** – Please remember in Prayer those of our Parish family and friends who at this time are hospitalized, ill, or recovering: Rosa Alonzo, Dan & Ann Arnett, Donna Barrett, Virginia Bauman, Mary Jo Borghese, The Brothers Family, Tom Bryan, Chris Burkhart, Kathy Daw, Al Elizondo, Dominic Elizondo, Giuseppe Fazio, Shirley Jo Fraley, Ben Garrison, Mary Getreu, Audrey Hall, Cody Hetterscheidt, Tara Hetterscheidt, Bill & Agnes Hillis, Austin Hosfeld, Steve Howell, Jake & Maureen Jajczyk, Mary Jones, Barb Kellenbarger, Evelyn Kelley, Tim Leddy, Lisa Leonard, Julie Litsinberger, Msgr. Bob Metzger, Mike Metzger, Rita Martini, Maria Mayes, Wanda Mennetti, Mary Jo McKinney, Maxine & Tom McLoughlin, Renee Parlin, Joseph C. Ramsey, Fr. Reichert, Matthew Riordan, Gene Schrader, Lucy Snyder, Bernie Sokolowski, Virginia Theado, Dave Verbance, Howard & Rosemarie Watters, Caroline Weiland, Jeanne West, Virginia Whittemore, and Jim, Cathy Williams & Family.